

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in full response to the Outstanding Office Action dated March 9, 2005.

Pursuant to the outstanding Office Action, Claim 1, 2, 7,12,13,18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 102 (e) as being unpatentable by Herrera, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0012013.

The Examiner has indicated allowable subject matter in this application. Specifically, the Examiner indicates that claims 3-6,8-11, 14-17 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and an intervening claims.

In response, applicant has cancelled original claims 1-20. Applicant submits new claims 21-37 including new independent claims 21, 28, 31 and 32. The newly submitted independent claims include the allowable subject matter combined with the underlying original base claims.

Specifically, new independent claim 21 includes the limitations set forth in original claim 1 with the further limitations of a transparent sheet for magnifying images and a plurality of signaling lamps of multiple colors. The reference to Herrera fails to teach or suggest a transparent sheet between the top and bottom covers and being structured and disposed for magnifying images viewed through the transparent sheet including images on the sheet substrate, as specifically recited in applicant new independent claim 21.

Further, the reference to Herrera fails to teach or suggest a plurality of signaling lamps of multiple colors as recited in applicant's new independent claim 21.

Applicant's new independent claim 28 includes all of the limitations of original base claim 12 with the further limitation of a light emitting source including a backlight device on the top side of the cover panel for directing light outwardly therefrom and through the sheet substrate place thereon.

Applicant's new independent claim 31 includes all of the recited limitations in original base claim 18, with the further limitations of original dependent claim 20. Specifically, applicant's new independent claim 31 combines the recited limitations of original base claim 18 with the additional recited limitations of a light emitting source including a back light within the bottom cover and structured and disposed for directing light outwardly from the inner face of said bottom cover and through the sheet substrate held thereon, to thereby enhance visibility of indicia on said sheet substrate.

Finally, applicant's new independent claim 32 combines the limitations recited in applicant's original base claim 1 with the further limitations of the transparent sheet between the top and bottom covers for magnifying images view through the transparent sheet, including images on the sheet substrate, and at least one signaling lamp positioned and disposed to be visible when the top and bottom covers are in the closed position, and the signaling lamp being structured and disposed to emit a distinct light having a

character which is clearly identifiable and distinguishable from the light emitting device.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that applicant's claims, as now presented, patentably define over the reference to Herrera.

The fee for an independent claim in excess of 3, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h), is included herewith.

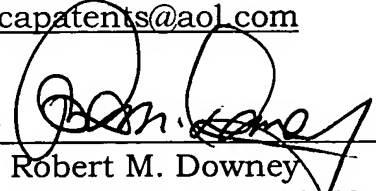
It is, therefore, respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

For the reasons advanced above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider Applicant's Claims, as now presented, and to pass this case to early favorable allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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